## **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**

Hi All

While we're all still having to adjust and **stay safe** at this worrying time, we thought we'd bring you another issue of **Knowsley Libraries Big Lock In**. Lots of us are missing our family, friends and especially going out to our favourite places like the Library © We decided that we'd put together this little newsletter with lots of bits and bobs in such as recipes, book recommendations, and we've even included a quiz to help ease the boredom.

So, a little bit of homework for you while you're unable to go out and about. I was wondering if you'd share with us 'What You're Reading in Lockdown', or your favourite book/author that you'd like to recommend to others.

I've asked friends, family and colleagues to share with us what they're reading and it's quite a mix!

## What are people reading?

### Review by Judith Dunn, A member of Prescot Reading Group

### The Familiars by Stacey Hall



It is a historic fiction set in Lancashire at the time of the Pendle Witch trials. The author uses the historic timeline and many real individuals, but the story is fictional. Its main location is Gawthorpe Hall, where through the eyes of its mistress, Fleetwood, the story is told.

She is desperate for a successful pregnancy and employs Alice Gray to help her achieve this, against her family's wishes. As the story unfolds, she supports Alice who is accused of witchcraft and tries to clear her name. Outside the main story you learn of both girl's upbringing and their role in society. You are left wanting to know more about that time in history.

### The Catch by T.M. Logan

### **Reviewed by Aimee, Library Assistant**

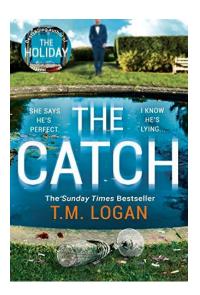
### She says he's perfect. I know he's lying . . .

He caught me watching, and our eyes met. That was when it hit me.

There was something not quite right about my daughter's new boyfriend . . .

### The doting father

Ed finally meets his daughter's boyfriend for the first time. Smart, successful and handsome, Ryan appears to be a real catch. Then Abbie announces their plan to get married.



### The perfect fiancé

There's just one problem. Ed thinks Ryan is lying to them

### Who would you believe?

All of Ed's instincts tell him his daughter is in terrible danger - but no-one else can see it.

With the wedding date approaching fast, Ed sets out to uncover Ryan's secrets, before it's too late.....

"After reading The Holiday last year I couldn't wait to read the next book by T.M. Logan and I wasn't disappointed!

This tells the story of Ed the father of Abbie who has just got engaged, however Ed doesn't trust the new man in his daughter's life and can't put his finger on why...Or is he just being an over productive dad?

This is such an easy thriller to get in too! It's written from the perspective mainly of the dad, however the other three main characters also lead some episodes. I read it in 2 days, I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is a fan of Lisa Jewell, Shari Lapena or Louise Candlish"

## **Lockdown Quiz:**

Lockdown Quiz – courtesy of: Hilary, Library Assistant

### **QUIZ SCRAMBLED PRIME MINISTERS**

See if you can unscramble these anagrams of UK prime ministers

- 1. THAT GREAT CHARMER
- 2. I'LL CRUNCH THIS NOW
- 3. LOWER PORTABLE
- 4. WELL BANDY SAINT
- 5. SHEAR MEATY
- 6. GOD WELL ANIMALIST
- 7. WRONG OR BOND
- 8. THE HATED
- 9. CLASH A JAM ANGEL
- 10. TORY IN LAB

### I'll add the answers next week, good luck!

The answers to last week's teaser are as follows:

- 1. ROBIN Williams
- 2. THRUSH
- 3. LARKrise to Candleford
- 4. Frank SWIFT
- 5. The PELICAN
- 6. Clarice STARLING
- 7. Charlie DRAKE
- 8. One flew over the CUCKOO's nest
- 9. The Millennium FALCON
- 10. Birds



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https://yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk/

## **Recipe of the Week:**

I'd like to share some easy to follow and lovely to eat recipes from family, friends and colleagues.

### **Vegetable Pasta Bake**

**Provided by Joe - Library Advisor** 

Unfortunately I can't take credit for this, it's all down to BBC Recipes. I have been trying to have some meat free days during the week, so this is one of my favourite things to cook. It's really easy to follow and incredibly tasty. If there is anyone reading this who isn't very

confident in the kitchen, this is a recipe for you. If I can manage to make a success from it, I have no doubt you'll be able to as well!

Here is a link to the recipe, it has all the ingredients and a step by step guide on how to knock this dish up: https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/vegetable\_pasta\_bake\_15082



### **WIMBLEDON 2020**

Many people would be gearing up for the start of Wimbledon at this time, but following the cancellation of this year's tournament the Wimbledon website has some short videos including how to try to recreate the atmosphere of the event, with tips on lawn keeping and how to create your own little Wimbledon corner in your garden. Just get the strawberries and cream ready!

### https://www.wimbledon.com/en\_GB/video/index.html

### Videos - The Championships, Wimbledon 2020 - Official Site by IBM

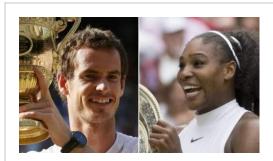
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And you can relive some historic action on the BBC.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/tennis/53007200



Wimbledon 2020: BBC TV to show classic finals, rewinds & Andy Murray weekend - BBC Sport

Wimbledon may be cancelled this year but the BBC will make sure you can still watch plenty of classic action and hear from the top players. BBC Sport will have over 50 hours of programming for two ...

www.bbc.co.uk

### PLANS FOR UK-WIDE DRIVE-IN GIGS

Whilst traditional concerts and festivals have been cancelled for this summer, plans are afoot to introduce some drive-in music and comedy events. Similar events have already taken place in other countries.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-53090354



<u>Danish musician Mads Langer performs</u> <u>live to 600 cars at Copenhagen Airport</u>

Socially distanced music and comedy events will take place across the UK, after many cancellations.

### www.bbc.co.uk

### THE RE-OPENING OF NON-ESSENTIAL SHOPS - WHAT MIGHT WE EXPECT

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-53026804?xtor=CS8-1000-[Discovery Cards][Multi Site]-[SL10]-[PS NEWS~C~~A HighStreetsNewNormal]



<u>Screens and sanitiser: The High Street's</u> <u>new normal - BBC News</u>

Opening times checked ... debit cards primed and ready. Shoppers in England are contemplating something that would have been unthinkable a few weeks ago - a trip down the high street. As ...

www.bbc.co.uk

### **CELEBRATIONS DURING LOCKDOWN**

One of the worst aspects of this pandemic must surely have been the separation from family and friends during long periods of shielding and social-distancing, and it is never felt more so than when there is a special occasion to celebrate. This link gives some ideas on how to make a day special even when you are not together.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3V9zCt7mWLHXHFJ3fglYBRh/celebrating-special-moments-during-lockdown



## BBC Radio 4 - Radio 4 in Four Celebrating special moments during lockdown

Celebrating special moments during lockdown. One of the hardest elements of life on lockdown is not being able to gather with family and friends to mark the special moments in our lives.

Birthday ...

www.bbc.co.uk

### **VAR AND UNCERTAINTY IN LIFE**

As a fan of both football and intellectual discussion I found this radio programme very interesting.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/collection:p021gdts/p08g680w



### <u>Seriously... - Life, Uncertainty and VAR</u> <u>- BBC Sounds</u>

Tom Chivers asks what football's search for truth tells us about uncertainty in our lives

www.bbc.co.uk

### **CELEBRITY MASTERCHEF 2020**

Local comedian Crissy Rock is one of the contestants in this year's competition.

https://www.radiotimes.com/news/2020-06-17/celebrity-masterchef-2020-full-line-up/



## <u>Celebrity MasterChef 2020 full line-up |</u> <u>Who is competing? - Radio Times</u>

The contestants of this year's Celebrity
MasterChef competition have been
revealed, as the legendary cook-off
prepares a return to our screens.
Superstar tennis coach Judy Murray,
Rak-Su's ...

www.radiotimes.com

### **BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS**

If you have been spending the lockdown period sorting out your house, then the news that bulky waste collections are starting up again (with new terms and conditions) may be of interest to you.

https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/bins,-waste-and-environment/book-a-large-item-collection

### Book a bulky waste collection for large household items | Knowsley Council

It costs £18 to have up to five items collected and £36 for between six and 10 items. Book a bulky waste collection online. Unfortunately, there are no discounts for those on benefits, the elderly, disabled, or those receiving an assisted collection. However, dispensations for financial hardship can be made at the council's discretion. You ...

www.knowsley.gov.uk

### THE GREAT MARGIN PROJECT

Bath Spa University and creative writing organisation, <u>Paper Nations</u> have teamed up to create a new online platform that aims to champion <u>isolated</u> and <u>marginalised</u> writers.

https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/other/new-creative-writing-project-champions-marginalised-writers/ar-BB15PKp9?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds



## New creative writing project champions marginalised writers

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www.msn.com

### **72ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NHS**

### **SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2020**

The weekly Clap for Carers on a Thursday has now stopped, but on Sunday 5th July at 5pm, on the birthday of the NHS, there will be a nationwide clap to thank its workers. People are asked to place a light in their window on the previous night, 4th July, to remember those who have died in the pandemic. It is hoped that this anniversary clap will become an annual event.

https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/clap-for-carers-to-return-for-nhs-on-its-birthday-with-hopes-for-new-annual-tradition/ar-BB15WQNR?ocid=spartan-ntp-feeds



# Clap for Carers to return for NHS on its birthday with hopes for new annual tradition

A nationwide clap to thank the NHS will take place next Sunday, with hopes it will emerge as an annual tradition. Brits will be encouraged to pay tribute to frontline coronavirus heroes at 5pm on ...

www.msn.com

And on the same day The Royal Liver Building is offering free tickets for its tour to NHS workers.

https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/newsliverpool/liverpool-attraction-confirms-it-is-reopening-with-free-tickets-to-all-nhs-workers/ar-BB15ZO1P?ocid=spartan-dhp-feeds



# Liverpool attraction confirms it is reopening with free tickets to all NHS workers - msn.com

A popular Liverpool tourist attraction is offering all NHS workers free tickets when it reopens next month. The city's Royal Liver Building 360 tours (RLB360) have been closed since March when the ...

www.msn.com

### **LIVERPOOL FC - PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2019/2020**



In case anyone missed it, **Liverpool have won the Premier League!** Huge congratulations to them, and here are a couple of short history of the club since they last won the title in 1990 as well as what was happening in the rest of the UK.

### https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/51584787



Liverpool win Premier

League title: Why a 30year wait seemed
unthinkable - BBC Sport

Liverpool's title success was front-page news on 30 April 1990 in the city's Daily Post newspaper. There had been Everton's title win in 1986-87.

www.bbc.co.uk

### https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/extra/C3tGdNqHCP/Liverpool-30-years-of-hurt



### 30 years of hurt

The first Potter book was a sensation - and so was Owen. It was another top-three finish for the Reds as Arsenal became the new champions under Arsene Wenger - they won the double as well.

www.bbc.co.uk

### **10 TODAY**

### **SPORT ENGLAND AND DEMOS**

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR OLDER PEOPLE

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p087xxxw

10 Today is a 10 minute per day workout programme designed for older people to protect against poor health and disease, improve mental health and maintain independence whilst at home.



### KNITTING FOR CHARITY

WorldWide Knit in Public Day took place on 13 June.

Our Knit and Natter groups are very popular in the libraries, so, to all our knitters out there, here are a couple of links to lists of charities that welcome knitted donations for various causes, and free knitting patterns as well. Why not try to teach a young person learn the skill?

http://www.eparenting.co.uk/knitfest/charityknitting.shtml



http://www.eparenting.co.uk/knitfest/knitting for charity free patterns.php



http://www.eparenting.co.uk/knitfest/7 tips for teaching kids to knit.php



## 7 Tips For Teaching Your Kids To Knit - eParenting

7 Tips For Teaching Your Kids To Knit. If like me you love to knit, the time will come when you will want to pass the joy onto someone else – a son or daughter, niece or nephew, or perhaps a grandchild. Imagine this - that you have a chance to give a child a skill they will have for life.

www.eparenting.co.uk

# Meet the Staff: What are we doing during Lockdown?

Hi, I'm Michele, that is Michele with one L as I am known, to differentiate me from the lovely Michelle at Huyton Library.



As I am a Casual Librarian, I am lucky to be able to work in all the five Knowsley Libraries. I like them all equally, they are all clean, the staff are all friendly, the customers are a delight and the book selections are the best in the country in my humble opinion. I can say this as I always drop into libraries on my travels and see what sort of books they have and how the library feels.

I retired eighteen months ago, and I was so fortunate to be offered a part-time job that I love and fits around my family life.

Unfortunately, because I was born with a lung syndrome, when Lockdown came, I was put into the 'extremely vulnerable' group and told to shield by letter. It was a shock and I felt angry at first. After all, I have always been active and in the last five years

I have completed the Hadrian's Wall Path and the Anglesey Sea Coastal Path. My friends wanted me to come out 'to play' - meaning daily walk or have a chat and some were quite put out when I said I couldn't and would have to speak to them from an upstairs window! I missed my Sunday service seeing all the churches were closed so I found a daily service at Parish of St Catherine of Alexandria, Lydiate. It gives me a structure to my day, something to look forward to and has deepened my faith. The live broadcasts have given me a sense of community and a journey through the Bible liturgies. The singing and the homilies are excellent. The services have been added to and there have been live bake offs, live Hymnathon and then little live comedy sketches, all posted on Facebook.

Two other live on-line activities I have taken part in are the twice weekly Reader sessions where they read a poem or short story and you can comment as it is discussed live. I also have taken part in three online literary festivals which have been excellent, some of my favourite authors like Alexander McCall Smith, Victoria Hislop and Ann Cleeves have featured. Makes up partly for all those literature festivals I have missed.

At the beginning of lockdown, I started a reading marathon. I decided to read classics in the garden whilst sunbathing and it meant I could concentrate out there. I started with Daniel Deronda, took my four weeks, then onto The Mill on the Floss, Janet's Repentance, The Lifted Veil and Agnes Grey. I read my library books and lighter novels inside the house, so I had quite a few books on the go at once.

I have been re-reading Middlemarch and making notes with a view to writing A Companion Reader to the book as a number of friends have said it is too long and difficult for them to read alone. My Reader Group got up to Chapter 72 before lockdown and that took us 15 months. Books have been a lifeline to me, they have taken me to so many places, so many situations I have experienced and so many characters I have met. Books have been my friends! When I finished Daniel Deronda, I felt bereft! The characters had become part of my life for those 4 weeks.

My own books that I read and finished I decided to put out on a piece of lawn at the side of



the house and people could help themselves. It was a great success and I relieved my bookcases of twenty plus books which made my husband very happy.

When we went into Lockdown the garden was just beginning to show signs of Spring, then the buds broke into flower and the leaves came. The bees, birds and butterflies seemed to like our garden and the excellent weather certainly made Lockdown easier. However, it was tainted by intrusive thoughts, that while I was safe and being shielded, other essential people were

working so hard, people were dying, and I couldn't do anything to help.

A few weeks ago, we were told we could go for a walk so I have been walking to the local parks for my exercise. It still feels strange to be out as if you not quite part of society yet. I can't wait to go out and do my own shopping, go and see my grandchildren and get back hopefully to the libraries to see all the staff and customers, once again!

## **Podcast of the Week:**

### **Desert Island Discs BBC Radio 4**

While I'm sure a lot of you already listen to this programme, I've found the online library a real treat during lockdown. It has new episodes as well as a catalogue of classic episodes that go back to 1942.

Guests are invited to imagine themselves cast away on a desert island, and choose eight recordings to take with them. The recordings are played and are accompanied with stories and anecdotes from the guests as to why they have picked each piece of music.



Here is the link to Desert Island Discs:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qnmr

Whilst we're **staying safe** some of us are having a break from reading by listening to music, watching TV and a whole host of other activities. Here are some recommendations:

## **Album of the Week:**

### **Hunky Dory by David Bowie recommended by Joe**

Glastonbury should have taken place last week and you might have noticed a lot of Glastonbury sets on the BBC channels over the weekend. On Sunday night they broadcast David Bowie's headline set from 2000 and it was a wonderful escape from everything that is going on. It was hard to pick which Bowie album to recommend, he has an almost unrivalled back catalogue, but I decided to go for Hunk Dory. For me, this is the album in which Bowie becomes Bowie. He's not following trends, he's setting them.



Here is Bowie at Glastonbury 2000, performing the first track from the album:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwdQRrMUbGs

If you'd like to share your thoughts on this album, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk

### Films of the Week:

Monday: 12 Years a Slave

9pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin

428)

A free black man living in pre-Civil War New York is abducted and sold into slavery. He spends the next 12 years struggling to survive and maintain his dignity in the face of brutal treatment, while clinging to a desperate hope that he can return to his family. Oscar-winning historical drama starring Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender, Benedict Cumberbatch, Lupita Nyong'o.



**Tuesday: Creed** 

9pm 5Star (Freeview 30, Freesat 131, Sky 128, Virgin 151)

The son of a heavyweight boxer who died in the ring seeks to follow in the footsteps of the father he never knew. He goes in search of his father's old rival-turned-best friend Rocky Balboa, who agrees to train the young fighter for a shot at the title-but the ageing champ is facing challenges of his own. Starring Michael B Jordan and Sylvester Stallone, reprising his role from the Rocky movies.

**Wednesday: Safe House** 

10.35pm ITV4 (Freeview 24, Freesat 117, Sky 120, Virgin 118)

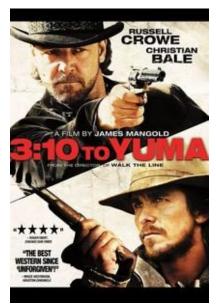
A CIA agent stationed in South Africa is tasked with looking after a criminal locked in a safe house. When the house attacked, the agent must flee with the criminal in tow. Starring Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds.

Thursday: High Rise

11.15pm Film 4 (Freeview 14, Freesat 300, Sky 313, Virgin 428)

Based on JG Ballard's novel. A doctor secures himself a new home in a luxurious apartment complex, where residents are able to shut out the rest of the world. As society begins to break down in the face of failing infrastructure, tension erupts between residents of different floors, leading to a literal class war. Starring Tom Hiddleston, Jeremy Irons and Sienna Miller.





Friday: 3:10 to Yuma 10.45pm BBC1

2007 remake of the 1957 classic western. Civil War veteran and small-time rancher Dan Evans decides to escort Ben Wade, an outlaw, for a paltry sum of 200 dollars to regain his lost honour and retrieve his barn from Glen Hollander. Starring Christian Bale.

If you'd like to share your thoughts on any of the films, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email and let us know what you think! <a href="mailto:yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk">yourlibrary@knowsley.gov.uk</a>

## **Alan Bennett's Talking Heads**

New versions of Alan Bennett's much loved-monologues are being shown on the BBC throughout the week. They are available on BBC iPlayer and tonight's episode on BBC1 at 9pm (29/06/20) stars our very own Jodie Comer.

Here is a link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p08ftkkx/alan-bennetts-talking-heads

## Something for the Kids:

If you've missed Joe Wicks exercising in the morning you can catch up with him here <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos</a>

He's keeping kids fit and healthy and lots of the parents are joining in too, looks like lots of fun.

## Craft Time

### Paper plate frog



This is a very easy frog craft for you to make.

All you will need: -

White paper plates, Green paint

Black, white, red and green thin card, Scissors

Pencil, Paintbrush

Glue, Black marker pen



- Paint green onto one of the paper plates and leave to dry
- Print out the free template <a href="https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/wp-content/uploads/Paper-Plate-Frog-Template.pdf">https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/wp-content/uploads/Paper-Plate-Frog-Template.pdf</a>
- Trace the large circles onto your white card and the small circles and frog's mouth onto black card

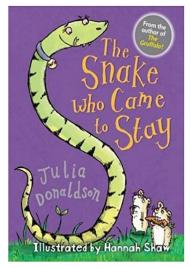


- Glue the frog's eyes and mouth to the green paper plate
- Trace your child's hands onto the green card
- Cut them out and glue to the back of the plate
- Cut a 1-inch strip of red paper and wrap in around a pencil to curl it
- Glue the red paper to the frog's mouth to give your frog a tongue
- Lastly, use the black marker pen to draw 2 round nostrils under the frog's eyes.



## Book Recommendations/Reviews

### The Snake Who Came to Stay by Julia Donaldson



Polly has set up a pets' holiday home for the summer and with a house full of greedy guinea pigs, pesky parrots and slithering snakes, Mum is getting more fed up by the day! Especially when Doris the snake goes missing...Can Polly find Doris before the snake finds the guinea pigs?

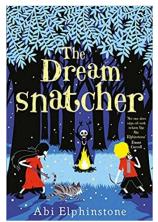
Reviewed by Molly age 6

This book is about a girl called Polly who loved snakes and wanted one and finally she got one called Doris from one of

her friends. Her friend said, "Doris has a heater. But keep her in the hottest room the house." Polly lost the snake, and someone saw the snake's skin but it took a long time to find Doris. My favourite person is Polly. Her best friend is Katy. I like Polly because she is nice. When she went to Katy's house the guinea pigs went, "Oooeeek!" I think that was funny!

### The Dreamsnatcher

### by Abi Elphinstone



Twelve-year-old Moll Pecksniff wakes one night in the middle of the forest, lured there by a recurring nightmare - the one with the drums and the rattles and the masks. The Dreamsnatcher is waiting. He has already taken her dreams and now he wants her life.

Because Moll is more important than she knows...

The Oracle Bones foretold that she and Gryff, a wildcat that has always been by her side, are the only ones who can fight

back against the Dreamsnatcher's dark magic. Suddenly everything is at stake, and Moll is drawn into a world full of secrets, magic and adventure.

### Reviewed by Hugo age 10

This 'fast paced and full of charm' action-packed thriller is an outstanding debut from Abi Elphinstone. I think it is packed with suspense, adventure and once you have picked up the book there is no letting go of it.

Moll is a brave young girl who is determined to fight off the Dreamsnatcher and with the help of Gryff, a wildcat always by Moll's side, she can do what the Oracle Bones have foretold.

I could not choose a favourite part as I enjoyed the whole book. I couldn't put it down.

## QUIZ TIME Can you name these films?





















## I'll add the answers next week, good luck!

How well did you do with last week's quiz? You can check to see how many you got correct, may be all ten!

### The answers are below:

- 1. Willy Wonka/Mr Wonka
- 2. Grandma/his granny
- 3. Sophie
- 4. Danny
- 5. Pheasants
- 6. Miss Trunchbull/Agatha Trunchbull
- 7. Window-cleaning
- 8. Fantastic Mr Fox
- 9. Children
- 10. Worms
- 11. Yellow
- 12. Llandaff, Wales
- 13. Five
- 14. Chopper, Jelly, Eva or Alma the Goat
- 15. Cumberland Lodge, Llandaff Cathedral School, St Peter's, Repton

- 16. Boy: Tales of Childhood
- 17. Yellow
- 18. Roald Dahl's second wife
- 19. In his writing hut
- 20. Flew planes/ was a fighter pilot

### DON'T FORGET

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is "Silly Squad" - a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

Sign up for the Challenge at sillysquad.org.uk. The site is free to access and will feature video content, games, quizzes, and digital downloadable activities to incentivise and encourage children and their families to take part in the Challenge at home. It is a place for children to rate and review their books and work towards their reading goal.

Challenge starts on Friday 5 June 2020 and will run until September



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